

# FOREST SPOTLIGHT

## Modoc NF – Pacific Southwest Region

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### *Medicine Lake Clean Up and Safety Project*



Downed trees blocked roadway within the campgrounds.

**Alturas, Calif.** – Medicine Lake is one of the most highly visited areas of the forest during the winter and summer months. Last winter the Modoc National Forest received winds causing significant damage in and around the Medicine Lake area. The winds knocked down trees in the surrounding areas including near and within the campgrounds, administration sites, boat ramp and day-use area. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Regional 5 provided the Modoc National Forest \$40,000 in funding to assist in the clean-up effort.

The clean-up effort occurred during the month of June. Recreation staff, Roads Crew, Engine 64, Engine 65 and the Modoc Hotshots Fire Crew worked tirelessly to ensure the clean-up effort would be done as quickly as possible and would not interfere with any significant work done during the summer season. As part of the clean-up effort, crews removed leaners that were a safety concern and cut the logs to be used as firewood. The Road Crew removed the tops and root wads from trees and hauled them to an offsite disposal. Extensive coordination between engineering, recreation staff, the engines and the Hotshots ensured the clean-up effort was done safely and efficiently.

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Significant number of downed trees in the Medicine Lake campgrounds



Road Crew removing tops and root wads from the Medicine Lake campgrounds.



Campgrounds are clear of downed trees

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